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lisa.collins@ubc.cakelly.ross@ubc.ca**09 April 2008****To: Okanagan Senate****From: Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Format of the UBC Okanagan Convocation Ceremonies****Subject: June 2008 Graduation Ceremonies (information)**

Senators may recall that in March 2008 the Senate established an Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Format of the UBC Okanagan Convocation Ceremonies. The Ad Hoc committee was delegated Senate authority to make decisions with respect to the format of the June 2008 Okanagan graduation ceremonies.

The Committee therefore informs the Senate that it has requested that the Ceremonies Office implement the following enhancements for the June 2008 Convocation.

a. Emeriti

The current practice of inviting professors emeriti to attend Convocation will continue.

b. Faculty Participation

In an effort to increase faculty participation, UBC Okanagan faculty members will be invited to participate in Convocation by printed invitation, followed by a reminder by e-mail.

c. Welcome Walk and Exit Applause

That the Ceremonies Office would coordinate, through the graduation marshals, the 'welcome walk' to include faculty members and other members of the UBC Okanagan community, as the student graduates advance from the central courtyard to the graduation ceremonies held in the gymnasium. A similar 'applause guard' will be present as the students exit the graduation ceremonies and advance towards the courtyard.

d. **Enhanced Music**

A fuller, regional musical experience inside the gymnasium will be coordinated by the Ceremonies Office, so as to improve the overall experience for guests attending the graduation ceremonies.

e. **Bagpipes**

If feasible, bagpipes will be included to lead the student and faculty processions from the courtyard to the gymnasium for the graduation ceremonies. In the event that a bagpiper is not available, the Ceremonies Office will coordinate, with Senate approval, an equally evocative musical choice.

Respectfully Submitted,

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